

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI V. DHANANJAY KUMAR): (a) Yes, Sir. The matter was inquired into and it was found that the reported transaction did not take place.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Powerloom Service Centres in Andhra Pradesh

1179. DR. DASARI NARAYANA RAO: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Powerloom Service Centres (PSCs) functioning in Andhra Pradesh at present, district-wise; and

(b) how they have contributed in "upgradation of skills of powerloom workers" in the State?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI V. DHANANJAY KUMAR): (a) Two Powerloom Service Centres have been functioning in the State of Andhra Pradesh in the following Districts:

(i) Chittor

(ii) Ranga Reddy

(b) The PSCs organise training programmes to the Powerloom weavers/workers on a periodical basis. The office of Textile Commissioner also supplement their efforts in conducting training programmes. The office of Textile Commissioner has organised training on powerloom weaving, loom maintenance and related technology imparted to 14 Nos. successful candidates at Hassanbada, East Godavari District, in the month of November, 2000 and a similar training programme is under progress at Sircilla, Karimnagar district with special emphasis on *in-situ* upgradation of powerlooms.

Revival of APKKM Mills of NTC

1180. SHRI N.K. PREMACHANDRAN: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) what is the latest position of the textile mills coming under the subsidiary company APKKM of NTC pending before the BIFR;